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**CC:** taylor.gage@nebraska.gov; craigh@nefb.org  
**Subject:** Re: Conf call this morning

Can we do 8:35/40am? Thanks!

I' ll call Craig and mike will call Taylor

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 13, 2018, at 7:03 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Taylor, can you hop on a conference call this morning to lock everything down for tomorrow afternoon?  
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> Sent from my iPhone  
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>> On Jun 13, 2018, at 7:58 AM, Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> Just wanted to check in and get everything squared away for tomorrow. I' d like to hop on the phone with y' all ASAP, as I' m on the road all day with the Administrator. I' m available at  
>> 7:00am CST - 7:30am and again from 8:30-9:15. Can we make that work?  
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>> Mike - can you add Taylor to the call?  
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>> Thanks,  
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**From:** Craig Head [craigh@nefb.org]  
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# COMMON SENSE NEBRASKA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 13, 2018, 3:15 p.m. (CDT)

CONTACT: Craig Head, Nebraska Farm Bureau, (402) 432-4723

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**Subject:** Jim Macy quote

Jim - take a look at this and see what you think. Feel free to edit. Thanks!

“This is the first time I’ve been able to pick up the phone and call EPA staff directly and elevate issues that need resolving. We thank Administrator Pruitt and his team for the cooperation as we work to achieve positive environmental outcomes for Nebraska.” - Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Director Jim Macy.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jon Vanderford [Jon.Vanderford@1011now.com]  
**Sent:** 10/19/2017 9:29:01 PM  
**To:** Allan, Kristin [kristin.allan@nebraska.gov]; Gage, Taylor [taylor.gage@nebraska.gov]  
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**Subject:** RE: Embargoed: Interview with EPA Administrator and Gov. Ricketts

The address is correct. Park in the visitor parking stalls just north of the building. Go in the "main entrance" and our receptionist will be waiting for you. Her name is Nancy. If you need something call my producer Christian at (816) 255-4665. Or you can call met at (402) 525-1594.

Jon

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From: Allan, Kristin [kristin.allan@nebraska.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:24 PM  
To: Jon Vanderford; Gage, Taylor  
Cc: Robson, Luke; wilcox.jahan@epa.gov; abboud.michael@epa.gov  
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Thank you, Jon!  
For scheduling purposes: Can you confirm the address as 840 N 40th Street, Lincoln? Are there parking and entry instructions? May I have a cell phone number for you or someone on your team who will be present tomorrow morning? Thank you, again!

Kristin Allan  
Scheduler

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**CC:** Gage, Taylor [taylor.gage@nebraska.gov]; Robson, Luke [Luke.Robson@nebraska.gov]  
**Subject:** DRAFT Photo Release: Gov. Ricketts Welcomes EPA Administrator Pruitt to Nebraska

Jahan and Michael – we plan to send the below photo release out to media shortly and just wanted to pass it by you before it went out.

Thank you,  
Eric Maher



**Governor Pete Ricketts**  
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**For Immediate Release:**  
**4:00PM CT on October 20, 2017**

**Media Contacts:**

**Eric Maher** [Personal Matters/Ex. 6]

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***Photo Release:***  
**Gov. Ricketts Welcomes EPA Administrator  
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***More photos available [here](#).***



*Governor Ricketts hosts Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt at the Governor's Residence in Lincoln*





*Governor Ricketts, Administrator Pruitt, and agriculture and business leaders from across Nebraska discuss the future of the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.*

**LINCOLN** – Today, Governor Pete Ricketts welcomed United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt to Nebraska. Administrator Pruitt visited Nebraska to discuss the future of the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

At the Governor’s Residence in Lincoln, Administrator Pruitt briefed the Governor and select cabinet members on the EPA’s work on rolling back the Obama’s Administration’s WOTUS rule. The visit concluded with a roundtable discussion with Administrator Pruitt, Governor Ricketts, members of his cabinet, Congressman Bacon, and members of the Common Sense Nebraska Coalition detailing the future of WOTUS.

“Thank you to Administrator Pruitt for all he has done to cut onerous and job-killing federal red tape imposed on the states,” said Governor Ricketts. “Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration have kept their word and repealed the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule that would have threatened future growth in Nebraska agriculture and manufacturing. In his work of rolling back the old rule and writing a new one, Pruitt is returning power to the states and protecting the rights of our farm families and small business owners.”

You can see more pictures from EPA Administrator Pruitt’s visit to Nebraska [here](#).

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<https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-nebraska-ag-business-groups-applaud-wotus-repeal>  
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**Subject:** Background on Pure Nebraska and the Vanderfords

Pure Nebraska is hosted by Jon and Taryn Vanderford. Here's an archive of the segments they produce:

<http://www.1011now.com/purenebraska>

Best,

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**Subject:** Embargoed: Interview with EPA Administrator and Gov. Ricketts

Jon –

Hope you're doing well. Just tried to give you a call regarding an interview request for tomorrow. The information contained in this email is embargoed until 12:00pm (noon) on October 20, 2017 or until our interview request is fulfilled.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Lincoln tomorrow and would like to stop by the 10/11 studio with Governor Ricketts to visit with you about the work that his team has been doing to roll back President Obama's job-killing Waters of the U.S. rule.

Would it be possible for the Administrator and the Governor to do a segment with you on this subject at about 9:15am on October 20?

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you.

All the best,

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Great, thank you.

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Here is a quote from Governor Ricketts:

"Thank you to Administrator Pruitt for all he has done to cut onerous and job-killing federal red tape imposed on the states," said Governor Ricketts. "Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration have kept their word and repealed the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule that would have threatened future growth in Nebraska agriculture and manufacturing. In his work of rolling back the old rule and writing a new one, Pruitt is returning power to the states and protecting the rights of our farm families and small business owners."

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Absolutely - we are developing a "thank you" quote for a photo release we are planning following the events. We'll share as well.

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**Nebraska Events with Administrator Scott Pruitt**  
**Friday, October 20, 2017**  
**Lincoln, NE**

- 7:40 am: KFAB radio Morning Show - LIVE
  - Host: Gary Sadlemyer
  - Largest listenership in Nebraska
- 8:00 am: Individual Media Interviews
  - Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln
  - Focus on Ag media
    - Radio
      - KRVN – Jesse Harding
      - Brownfield – Ken Anderson
    - TV
      - KOLN – John Vanderford
      - NTV – Steve White
    - Print
      - AP – Grant Shulte
      - Nebraska Farmer – Tyler Harris
- 9:30 am: Briefing with Administrator Pruitt, Governor Ricketts and Cabinet Members
  - Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln
  - Cabinet Attendees:
    - Greg Ibach: Agriculture
    - Courtney Dentlinger: Economic Development
    - David Bracht: Energy
    - Jim Macy: Environmental Quality
    - Jeff Fassett: Natural Resources
    - Kyle Schneweis: Transportation
    - Mike Foley: Lt. Governor
    - Matt Miltenberger: Governor's Chief of Staff
    - Lauren Kintner: Governor's Policy Research Advisor
- 10:30 am: Roundtable Discussion with Administrator Pruitt, Governor Ricketts and members of Common Sense Nebraska Coalition (NE Coalition formed to oppose WOTUS)
  - Governor's Residence, 1425 H Street, Lincoln
  - Common Sense Nebraska Coalition members attached
- 12:00 pm: Conclude

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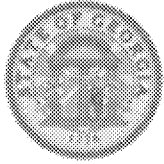
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Can I get the quote in advance so it's ready to go as soon as you send yours? Thanks

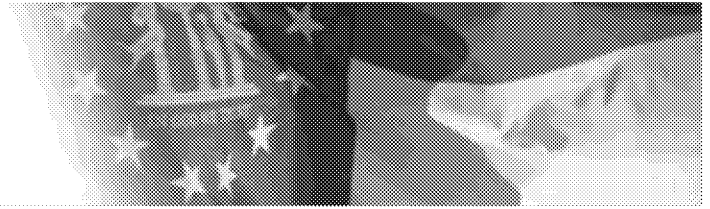
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**Subject:** Deal outlines state response to Hurricane Harvey



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## Deal outlines state response to Hurricane Harvey

Gov. Nathan Deal today outlined Georgia's efforts to assist in Hurricane Harvey rescue and recovery operations in Texas. He also announced steps taken to help safeguard Georgians' fuel supply during the aftermath of the hurricane.

"On behalf of all Georgians, Sandra and I continue to pray for the victims of Hurricane Harvey as they continue to suffer," said Gov. Deal. "The devastating impact of this storm has yet to be fully realized, and we offer our thoughts and prayers to the families and communities affected by this disaster. As response and recovery efforts continue, the bravery and selflessness demonstrated by first responders and everyday citizens is nothing short of heroic. The kindness and courage of others acts shines light during the darkness faced by so many, and is a beacon of hope for all of us.

"To those impacted by Hurricane Harvey, you are not alone. Georgia and the rest of the nation are with you. We have boots on the ground in Texas and teams working here to help coordinate response efforts and provide support. This multiagency initiative includes the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), the Georgia Department of Defense (GA DoD) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR). I stand ready to offer any further assistance or resources that may be needed as recovery operations continue.

"Finally, I've taken steps to mitigate the effects that Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath will have on Georgia's fuel supply. Earlier this week I applied for, and received, a fuel waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This waiver will help ensure our fuel supply remains uninterrupted. Further, I've issued an executive order waiving rules and regulations for truck drivers transporting motor fuel in Georgia, as well as for those carrying hurricane relief supplies. While recovery efforts continue and until normal operations resume, I urge the public to maintain regular consumption levels and travel schedules."

The multi-pronged response includes the following:

### Fuel and trucking

- On Aug. 29, the EPA issued an emergency waiver through Sept. 15 for the metro Atlanta area. Read more here: [Fuel Waiver Concerning Georgia](#).
- On Aug. 30, Gov. Deal issued an executive order waiving trucking requirements for the transport of motor fuel and hurricane supplies. Read more [here](#).
- For additional information on EPA fuel waivers, contact Kevin Chambers with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division at [Kevin.Chambers@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Kevin.Chambers@dnr.ga.gov) or 404-651-7970.

GEMA/HS

- GEMA/HS is coordinating with state and local partners and has offered Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) the support of 75 Georgia personnel to assist in search and rescue efforts. The state is poised to deploy 50 members of the Georgia Search and Rescue task force and 25 members of Georgia Department of Natural Resources swift water teams.
- GEMA/HS is also working with the Georgia Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disaster (VOAD) and the Red Cross on the coordination of volunteers and donations. Individuals and organizations are asked to donate or volunteer through the National VOAD site at [www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org). Large organizations with the ability to organize and transport donations to Texas may also contact GEMA/HS and the Georgia VOAD at [volunteers@gema.ga.gov](mailto:volunteers@gema.ga.gov).
- For additional information on GEMA/HS relief efforts, please contact Catherine Howden at [catherine.howden@gema.ga.gov](mailto:catherine.howden@gema.ga.gov) or 404-606-2928.

#### **GA DoD**

- GA DoD's team of domestic operations professionals has been in constant contact with the National Guard Bureau, FEMA, GEMA/HS, other supporting states and the State of Texas to assess the needs in Texas and be prepared to readily provide resources as needed and authorized by Gov. Deal and GEMA/HS.
- At Gov. Deal's authorization, the Savannah-based 165th Airlift Wing of the Georgia Air National Guard yesterday deployed a C-130 H3 cargo aircraft and 15 personnel to aid in the emergency response efforts for the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey. The crew first flew into Scott Air Force Base in Illinois to pick up disaster recovery pallets before mobilizing to provide relief support to Texas and the Texas National Guard. There have been no new requests for additional personnel or equipment.
- For additional information on GA DoD relief efforts, please contact Desiree Bamba at [desiree.b.bamba.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:desiree.b.bamba.nfg@mail.mil) or 470-303-2329.

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**Subject:** Wednesday's Interview from 9:00 - 9:28 AM (No Calls)  
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Scott and & Matt –

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 AM** for a 20 minute interview with Scott Pruitt and Doug Burgum about the EPA's Accomplishments, our visit to North Dakota, and items that are specific to North Dakota. We kindly ask that you do not take any calls since you will have both Doug and Pruitt in studio. Let me know if there is anything else you need from us.

Jahan

## **OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA**

### **WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...**

**Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus.** "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." ([Tulsa World](#), 01/16/17)

**Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration.** "Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump's inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." ([The Washington Post](#), 06/02/17)

**Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA.** "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are



very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." ([The Wall Street Journal](#), 02/17/17)

#### **WHY ARE WE COMING TO NORTH DAKOTA ...**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to North Dakota at the request of Governor Doug Burgum. While in North Dakota, he will hold a roundtable on the Waters of the United States Tour at NDSU. Additionally, given that North Dakota is a leader in energy, he will then travel with the Governor to Grand Forks, where Pruitt, Burgum and UND President Mark Kennedy will tour the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center, which will be followed by a roundtable discussion.

**Farm groups applaud withdrawal of WOTUS rule.** "Farm group leaders were predictably pleased Tuesday with the announcement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has filed an official proposal to withdraw the controversial Waters of the United States rule. "This is good news. There has just been so much uncertainty for growers," said Theresia Gillie, a Hallock, Minn., farmer and president of her state Soybean Growers Association. Daryl Lies, a Douglas farmer and president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau, said the announcement 'is a big deal and a great day for agriculture.'" ([Bismarck Tribune](#), 06/27/17)

**EPA Signs off on North Dakota Regulation of CO2 Wells.** "The Trump administration is proposing to make North Dakota the first state with the power to regulate underground wells used for long-term storage of waste carbon dioxide captured from industrial sources such as coal-fired power plants. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday signed off on the proposal that had languished under the Obama administration. A final decision will come after a 60-day public comment period that will follow a Federal Register posting. North Dakota, which has a large coal industry, would be the first state to get such authority, according to the EPA." ([The Associated Press](#), 05/09/17)

#### **WOTUS ...**

**EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."** "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.' This proposed rule follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country." ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

**Governor Doug Burgum (ND):** "Clean water is critical to quality of life and our economy, and no one cares more about clean water in North Dakota than the people who live here. Today's action is a welcome step toward a rule recognizing that states are best positioned to protect, manage and regulate their own waters. The Obama administration's WOTUS rule was a particularly egregious example of regulatory overreach that effectively classified almost every pond, pothole and slough as a federal managed waterway, creating

confusion and uncertainty for farmers, ranchers, landowners and local governments. We are encouraged that the EPA and Corps of Engineers have been reaching out to governors early in this renewed rulemaking process, and we hope such consultation will continue and culminate in a rule that respects states' authority and unique role in protecting their water resources. We are grateful to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his leadership on this issue." ([Press Release](#), 06/27/17)

#### **North Dakota's Sequestration Wells ...**

**ND could become 1st state to regulate injection wells to store carbon dioxide underground.** "The Environmental Protection Agency administrator announced Tuesday, May 9, he has signed a proposed rule that will allow North Dakota to regulate underground wells to store carbon dioxide, opening the door for new projects to reduce emissions. The long-awaited step from the EPA puts North Dakota on track to become the first state to have regulatory authority over Class VI wells, or injection wells, that can store carbon dioxide deep underground instead of releasing it into the atmosphere." ([Fargo Forum](#), 05/09/17)

**Senator Hoevan's Statement:** "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt moving forward with the state's application to be the primary regulator for Class VI wells. We've worked since 2008 to develop a states-first approach to regulating geological sequestration, which will help our energy industry, both traditional and renewable, to develop new technologies for storing CO2. This is important as we work to develop clean coal technologies, as well as projects to sequester CO2 from ethanol production."

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We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, August 9th at 9:00 AM** for a 20 minute interview with Scott Pruitt and Doug Burgum about the EPA's Accomplishments, our visit to North Dakota, and items that are specific to North Dakota. We kindly ask that you do not take any calls since you will have both Doug and Pruitt in studio. Let me know if there is anything else you need from us.

Jahan

## OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

### WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT ...

**Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus.** “Politics, baseball and Jesus. That’s what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency.” ([Tulsa World](#), 01/16/17)

**Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration.** “Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump’s

inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." (The Washington Post, 06/02/17)

**Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA.** "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

#### **WHY ARE WE COMING TO NORTH DAKOTA ...**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to North Dakota at the request of Governor Doug Burgum. While in North Dakota, he will hold a roundtable on the Waters of the United States Tour at NDSU. Additionally, given that North Dakota is a leader in energy, he will then travel with the Governor to Grand Forks, where Pruitt, Burgum and UND President Mark Kennedy will tour the UND Energy & Environmental Research Center, which will be followed by a roundtable discussion.

**Farm groups applaud withdrawal of WOTUS rule.** "Farm group leaders were predictably pleased Tuesday with the announcement that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has filed an official proposal to withdraw the controversial Waters of the United States rule. "This is good news. There has just been so much uncertainty for growers," said Theresia Gillie, a Hallock, Minn., farmer and president of her state Soybean Growers Association. Daryl Lies, a Douglas farmer and president of the North Dakota Farm Bureau, said the announcement 'is a big deal and a great day for agriculture.'" (Bismarck Tribune, 06/27/17)

**EPA Signs off on North Dakota Regulation of CO2 Wells.** "The Trump administration is proposing to make North Dakota the first state with the power to regulate underground wells used for long-term storage of waste carbon dioxide captured from industrial sources such as coal-fired power plants. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday signed off on the proposal that had languished under the Obama administration. A final decision will come after a 60-day public comment period that will follow a Federal Register posting. North Dakota, which has a large coal industry, would be the first state to get such authority, according to the EPA." (The Associated Press, 05/09/17)

#### **WOTUS ...**

**EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."** "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.' This proposed rule follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States'"

Rule." The February Order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

**Governor Doug Burgum (ND):** "Clean water is critical to quality of life and our economy, and no one cares more about clean water in North Dakota than the people who live here. Today's action is a welcome step toward a rule recognizing that states are best positioned to protect, manage and regulate their own waters. The Obama administration's WOTUS rule was a particularly egregious example of regulatory overreach that effectively classified almost every pond, pothole and slough as a federal managed waterway, creating confusion and uncertainty for farmers, ranchers, landowners and local governments. We are encouraged that the EPA and Corps of Engineers have been reaching out to governors early in this renewed rulemaking process, and we hope such consultation will continue and culminate in a rule that respects states' authority and unique role in protecting their water resources. We are grateful to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his leadership on this issue." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

#### **North Dakota's Sequestration Wells ...**

**ND could become 1st state to regulate injection wells to store carbon dioxide underground.** "The Environmental Protection Agency administrator announced Tuesday, May 9, he has signed a proposed rule that will allow North Dakota to regulate underground wells to store carbon dioxide, opening the door for new projects to reduce emissions. The long-awaited step from the EPA puts North Dakota on track to become the first state to have regulatory authority over Class VI wells, or injection wells, that can store carbon dioxide deep underground instead of releasing it into the atmosphere." (Fargo Forum, 05/09/17)

**Senator Hoevan's Statement:** "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt moving forward with the state's application to be the primary regulator for Class VI wells. We've worked since 2008 to develop a states-first approach to regulating geological sequestration, which will help our energy industry, both traditional and renewable, to develop new technologies for storing CO2. This is important as we work to develop clean coal technologies, as well as projects to sequester CO2 from ethanol production."

**Congressman Crammer's Statement:** "Nearly four years after North Dakota first made the request, the EPA – under new management – is finishing its work on the State's application to regulate carbon capture within their state boundaries. As a former North Dakota Public Service Commissioner overseeing environmental programs such as the Surface Mine Coal Reclamation Act, I know first-hand how efficiently and responsibly the State of North Dakota exercises these delegated powers. With the State's expert staff and long history of leading environmental programs, it only makes sense for them to take over as the primary regulator of carbon capture regulations. The announcement today is a victory for our State, and I'm grateful for the Administrator Pruitt's swift action on this request."

#### **North Dakota & EPA ...**

**All of a Sudden North Dakota and the EPA Are Getting Along.** "In years past, when I'd talk with colleagues and others from out of state, I'd joke that North Dakota's official pastime is suing the federal government. Because our state does it a lot, and regulations implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency have always been a frequent target. But of late, under the Trump administration, there has been a big shift in our state's relationship with that federal agency. 'The days of coercive federalism are over,' new EPA head Scott Pruitt said earlier this year in a letter to Governor Doug Burgum. Today, in a press release announcing the EPA's proposed approval of a state-run carbon capture and sequestration program for North Dakota, the federal agency touted it as an example of 'cooperative federalism.'" (Grand Forks Herald, 05/09/17)



## **BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA ...**

Press Release

April 20, 2017

<https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda>

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

## **CLIMATE CHANGE ...**

REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings...

PRUITT: That's not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

## **PARIS ACCORD ...**

REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. ([Reuters](#), 07/12/17)

## **CLIMATE DENIER ...**

“Pruitt bristled at the phrase “climate denier,” a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet. ‘What does it even mean? That’s what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That’s crazy, in my view,’ he said. Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but “the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that’s very challenging to do.” (Politico, 07/12/17)

#### **PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION’S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) ...**

“The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city’s residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. ‘The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is ‘do no harm,’” said Barrasso. “This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan’s water crisis.’ There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution.” (The Washington Post, 01/18/17)

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#### **WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS ...**

**In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors.** “In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states.” (Press Release, 02/26/17)

**EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors.** “U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration.” (Press Release, 03/01/17)

**Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule.** “The days of coercive federalism are over,” the letter reads. “Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.” (Press Release, 03/30/17)

#### **WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA’S AGENDA ...**

**An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS.** “President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States.’” (Press Release, 02/28/17)

**An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan.** “Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

#### **EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS ...**

**EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks.** “‘These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.’” ([Press Release](#), 03/15/17)

**EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule.** “Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA’s Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017.” ([Press Release](#), 03/31/17)

**EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses \$171 million annually.** “The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to \$171 million a year.” ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

#### **CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT ...**

**The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site.** “[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site.” ([Press Release](#), 03/18/17)

**The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site.** “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated \$16 million -- in addition to the \$26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree.” ([Press Release](#), 03/20/17)

**EPA set to oversee second phase of \$43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake.** “The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work.” ([Press Release](#), 03/28/17)

#### **ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS ...**

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**EPA awards \$380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona.** ([Press Release](#), 02/28/17)

**EPA Awards \$1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama.** Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a \$1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. ... The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. ([Press Release](#), 02/24/17)

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**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

With God, All Things Are Possible  
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You may attribute the following to Governor Ricketts:

“Thank you to the Environmental Protection Agency and Administrator Pruitt for supporting our efforts in Nebraska to build high-quality water infrastructure. Modernizing and upgrading our infrastructure is key to delivering a great quality of life and helping grow the greater Omaha area and communities across our state.”

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Taylor-

Attached is the draft press release regarding the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan of \$69.7 million that will be going to the Omaha tomorrow. We are hoping that Governor Ricketts would provide a quote for the release.

Below are talking points regarding the project that can help provide some fact for the quote. Also see the link to the original ask from EPA to Omaha to apply for the loan. As always feel free to call if you have any questions. We are hoping to have a quote by COB today. Thanks again!

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/city-omaha-invited-epa-apply-55-million-water-infrastructure-finance-and-innovation-act>

**Talking Points for Head's Up Call Re: WIFIA Omaha Loan Closing**

- I'm pleased to inform you that we are moving to close on a nearly \$70 million loan to the City of Omaha, Nebraska, today.
- We are working with the City of Omaha to announce this closing on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- This loan will finance the city's new Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin and this loan makes the second loan ever to be issued under EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.
- We understand that when the Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin is completed in 2022, it can collect and treat up to 320 million gallons of wastewater and stormwater daily that would have spilled into the Little Papillion Creek during wet weather.
- This represents a nearly **90 percent** cut in local water pollution and a significant public health and environmental protection achievement.
- We are excited to support this local water infrastructure project that will also produce good jobs, and better protect the health of more than 600,000 Omahans.
- WIFIA financing will save the City approximately \$20 million through its customized and flexible lending terms as well as the low interest rate offered by the program.
- We also wanted to remind you that we have additional WIFIA funding available that could provide as much as \$5.5 billion in loans.

- Our latest WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) highlights the importance of protecting public health including reducing exposure to lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems and updating the nation's aging infrastructure.
- Prospective borrowers seeking WIFIA financing in 2018 must submit a letter of interest (LOI) by July 31, 2018.
- We would love to fund additional Nebraskan projects so please keep WIFIA in mind.

**Michael Abboud**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Public Affairs

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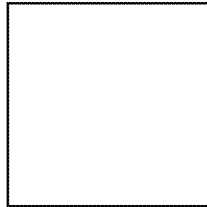
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**Subject:** Eliminated Programs

Through the recent newsletter I've now been sent to 5 or 6 links to find the Eliminated Programs for the next budget, only to be circled back around to the first link without learning anything. It's awfully difficult to find or I wouldn't resort to emailing. Can you please assist, without just providing another link that provides another link that links back to the first link?

Amanda Compton  
Class 2 facilities  
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## EPA Region 10 Tribal Newsletter - March 2018

03/05/2018

### The March 2018 Tribal Newsletter is posted!

Featured news includes:

- Save Water During Fix a Leak Week — March 19-25
- EPA's New Strategic Plan and Proposed FY 2019 Budget
- EPA and Army Finalize 'Waters of the US' Applicability Date
- National Toxics Release Inventory Report
- 2018 Tribal Healthy Homes Calendar
- Bed Bug Educational Resources
- Do-It-Yourself Bed Bug Control Guide for Alaska
- Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinars

The newsletter includes many training, tribal consultation, grant opportunities, RTOC news — and our calendar of events!

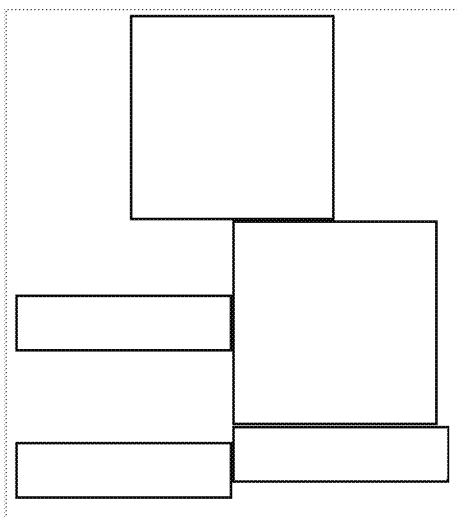
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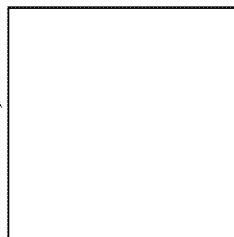


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**Subject:** RE: Seek background on Pruitt visit for MHT Ink Link

**“Every meeting that Administrator Pruitt attends is posted on <https://www.epa.gov>.”** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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**From:** Laura Aronson [mailto:laura@mlans.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Seek background on Pruitt visit for MHT Ink Link

I'd appreciate any background on Scott Pruitt's visit to Manchester, NH today. See my questions below. Thanks.

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**From:** Vihstadt, Benjamin [mailto:Benjamin.Vihstadt@nh.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:03 AM  
**To:** Laura Aronson  
**Subject:** RE: Seek background on Pruitt visit for MHT Ink Link

Laura – The Governor is not scheduled to be in Manchester. I can't speak for Administrator Pruitt's visit, but you can reach his folks at: [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

Thanks,  
Ben

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**From:** Laura Aronson [mailto:laura@mlans.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Vihstadt, Benjamin  
**Subject:** Seek background on Pruitt visit for MHT Ink Link

Dear Ben,

I'm a reporter with Manchester Ink Ink, a local news website. I'm covering EPA Commissioner Scott Pruitt's visit to Manchester today, and understand the governor will meet him there. Would you please give me some background info?

- Who invited Pruitt and when?
- Why Central paper?
- What is the message of his visit?
- Will the governor meet him there?
- Why?
- If possible, can I get a press pass?
- Please send any pictures you get.

Thanks!  
Laura Aronson  
Reporter

Manchester Ink Link

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**Subject:** Need date for ENERGY STAR Day in 2018

Pretty sure it's in October, but I need the exact date. We're planning our October events re energy efficiency. Thanks!

Judy Palnau  
Strategic Communications Manager  
Michigan Agency for Energy  
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**Subject:** EPA Releases Guidance on Reporting Air Emissions of Hazardous Substances from Animal Waste at Farms

FYI. The link in the news release...

"The EPA guidance information includes links to resources that farmers can use to calculate emissions tailored to specific species of livestock. To view EPA's guidance and Frequently Asked Questions on reporting air emissions from animal waste: <https://www.epa.gov/epcra/cercla-and-epcra-reporting-requirements-air-releases-hazardous-substances-animal-waste-farms>.

Links to nothing.

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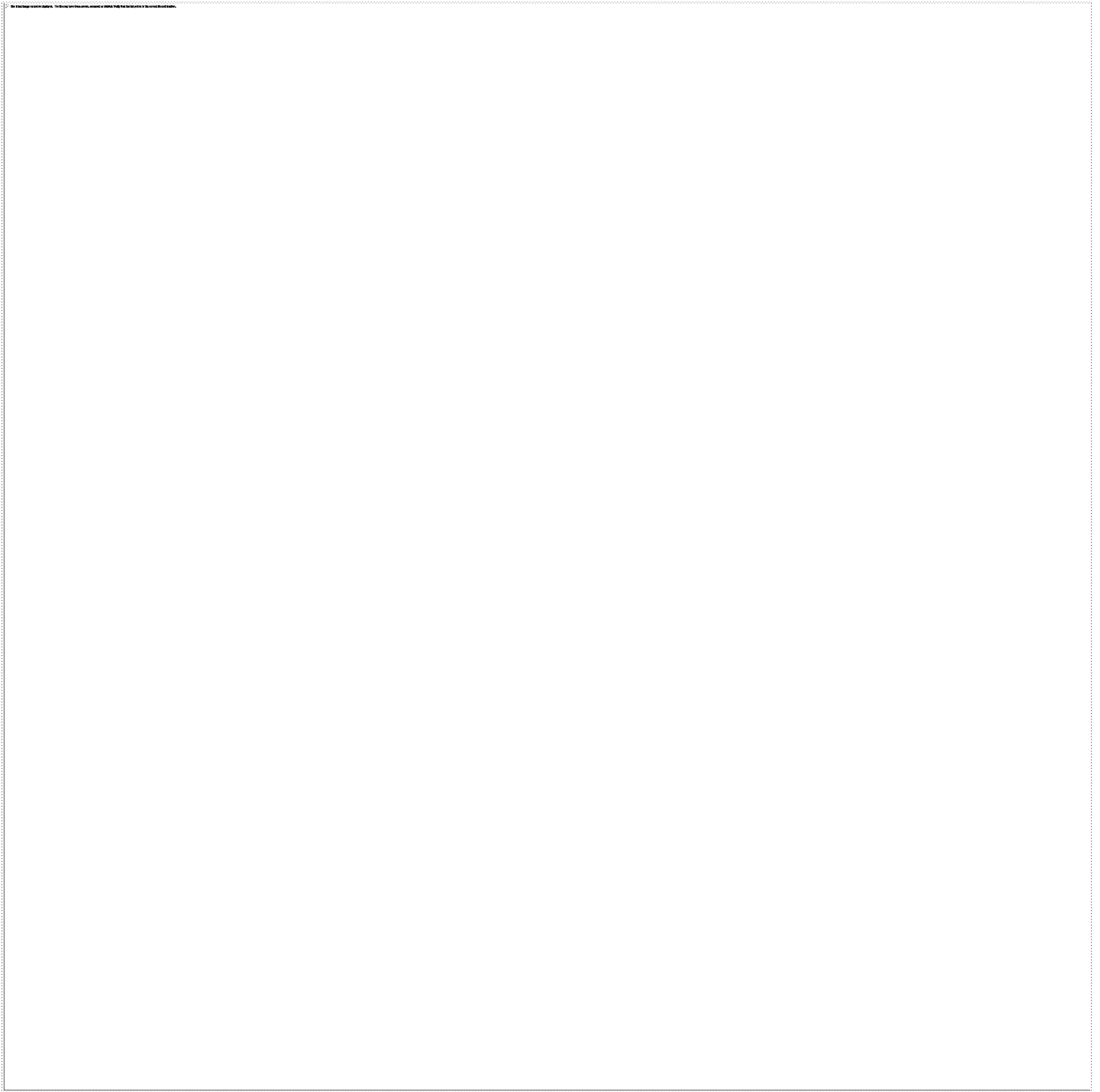
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On Thursday, September 28, 2017, 11:40:56 PM PDT, Tom Erik Green <tom@plusvendor.com> wrote:

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Sincerely,  
Tom Erik Green  
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**To:** matt.miltenberger@nebraska.gov  
**Subject:** FW: Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle"

Hey Matt, wanted to make sure you saw this. Would love to have the Governor weigh in and promote this new directive if he wants. Hope all is going well!

Michael Abboud  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Public Affairs  
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CONTACT: [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov)

## Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA "Sue & Settle"

“The days of regulation through litigation are over,” - EPA Administrator  
Scott Pruitt

**WASHINGTON** (October 16, 2017) - In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end “sue and settle” practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements.

“The days of regulation through litigation are over,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney’s fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle.”



Over the years, outside the regulatory process, special interest groups have used lawsuits that seek to force federal agencies - especially EPA - to issue regulations that advance their interests and priorities, on their specified timeframe. EPA gets sued by an outside party that is asking the court to compel the Agency to take certain steps, either through change in a statutory duty or enforcing timelines set by the law, and then EPA will acquiesce through a consent decree or settlement agreement, affecting the Agency's obligations under the statute.

More specifically, EPA either commits to taking an action that is not a mandatory requirement under its governing statutes or agrees to a specific, unreasonable timeline to act. Oftentimes, these agreements are reached with little to no public input or transparency. That is regulation through litigation, and it is inconsistent with the authority that Congress has granted and the responsibility to operate in an open and fair manner.

"Sue and settle" cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.

With today's directive, Administrator Pruitt is ensuring the Agency increase transparency, improve public engagement, and provide accountability to the American public when considering a settlement agreement or consent decree by:

1. Publishing any notices of intent to sue the Agency within 15 days of receiving the notice;
2. Publishing any complaints or petitions for review in regard to an environmental law, regulation, or rule in which the Agency is a defendant or respondent in federal court within 15 days of receipt;
3. Reaching out to and including any states and/or regulated entities affected by potential settlements or consent decrees;
4. Publishing a list of consent decrees and settlement agreements that govern Agency actions within 30 days, along with any attorney fees paid, and update it within 15 days of any new consent decree or settlement agreement;
5. Expressly forbidding the practice of entering into any consent decrees that exceed the authority of the courts;
6. Excluding attorney's fees and litigation costs when settling with those suing the Agency;

7. Providing sufficient time to issue or modify proposed and final rules, take and consider public comment; and
8. Publishing any proposed or modified consent decrees and settlements for 30-day public comment, and providing a public hearing on a proposed consent decree or settlement when requested.

The full directive and memo can be read [here](#).

The video of the signing can be found [here](#). A downloadable b-roll version can be found [here](#).

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signs an Agency-wide directive to end “sue and settle” practices within the Agency.

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Thanks Taylor!

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On Oct 20, 2017, at 4:37 PM, Gage, Taylor <taylor.gage@nebraska.gov> wrote:

<http://www.1011now.com/content/news/Nebraska-Governor-and-EPA-Administrator-Discuss-WOTUS-451867203.html>

**Taylor Gage**

*Director of Strategic Communications*

Office of Governor Pete Ricketts

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**Subject:** Omaha WIFIA quote  
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Taylor-

Attached is the draft press release regarding the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan of \$69.7 million that will be going to the Omaha tomorrow. We are hoping that Governor Ricketts would provide a quote for the release.

Below are talking points regarding the project that can help provide some fact for the quote. Also see the link to the original ask from EPA to Omaha to apply for the loan. As always feel free to call if you have any questions. We are hoping to have a quote by COB today. Thanks again!

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/city-omaha-invited-epa-apply-55-million-water-infrastructure-finance-and-innovation-act>

**Talking Points for Head's Up Call Re: WIFIA Omaha Loan Closing**

- I'm pleased to inform you that we are moving to close on a nearly \$70 million loan to the City of Omaha, Nebraska, today.
- We are working with the City of Omaha to announce this closing on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- This loan will finance the city's new Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin and this loan makes the second loan ever to be issued under EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.
- We understand that when the Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin is completed in 2022, it can collect and treat up to 320 million gallons of wastewater and stormwater daily that would have spilled into the Little Papillion Creek during wet weather.
- This represents a nearly **90 percent** cut in local water pollution and a significant public health and environmental protection achievement.
- We are excited to support this local water infrastructure project that will also produce good jobs, and better protect the health of more than 600,000 Omahans.
- WIFIA financing will save the City approximately \$20 million through its customized and flexible lending terms as well as the low interest rate offered by the program.
- We also wanted to remind you that we have additional WIFIA funding available that could provide as much as \$5.5 billion in loans.
- Our latest WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) highlights the importance of protecting public health including reducing exposure to lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems and updating the nation's aging infrastructure.
- Prospective borrowers seeking WIFIA financing in 2018 must submit a letter of interest (LOI) by July 31, 2018.
- We would love to fund additional Nebraskan projects so please keep WIFIA in mind.

**Michael Abboud**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Public Affairs

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## **EPA Provides Multi-Million Dollar Loan for Omaha Water Infrastructure Upgrades**

*City of Omaha, Neb., receives \$69.7 million WIFIA loan to help improve water quality and protect public health*

**Washington**- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a \$69.7 million loan to the City of Omaha, Nebraska, to help finance the its Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin. This marks the second loan to be issued under EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program.

"Through EPA's WIFIA loan to Omaha, we are investing in the Heartland's water infrastructure and following through on our commitment to returning EPA to its core mission: providing Americans with clean air, water, and land," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "This water infrastructure project will produce good jobs, improve local water quality, and better protect the health of more than 600,000 Omahans."

During wet weather events, the combined sewer system in the Saddle Creek Basin fills with stormwater and overflows, sending millions of gallons of polluted runoff and sewage into the Little Papillion Creek, a tributary of the Missouri River. When the Saddle Creek Retention Treatment Basin is completed in 2022, it can collect and treat up to 320 million gallons of wastewater and stormwater daily that would have spilled into the creek during wet weather. This represents a nearly 90 percent cut in local water pollution and a significant public health and environmental protection achievement.

[Placeholder for **Mayor of Omaha** Quote]

The project is estimated to cost \$142.2 million and EPA's WIFIA loan will help finance nearly half of the project's eligible costs, including study, design, construction administration, inspection, material testing, land acquisition, and construction costs. Because the WIFIA program offers loans with low, fixed interest rates, EPA's loan is expected to save the City of Omaha up to \$20 million. Project construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2019 and will create 165 construction jobs.

[Placeholder for Governor Ricketts quote]

[Placeholder for Congressman Don Bacon quote]

[Placeholder for Senator Fisher quote]

[Placeholder for Regional Administrator Jim Guilliford quote]

### **Background**

Established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014, the WIFIA program is a new federal loan and guarantee program at EPA that aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects.

In April 2018, EPA [announced the availability of additional WIFIA funding](#) that could provide as much as \$5.5 billion in loans, which could leverage over \$11 billion in water infrastructure projects. This year's WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) highlights the importance of protecting public health

including reducing exposure to lead and other contaminants in drinking water systems and updating the nation's aging infrastructure. Prospective borrowers seeking WIFIA financing in 2018 must submit a letter of interest (LOI) by July 31, 2018.

According to EPA's estimate of drinking water and wastewater needs, over \$743 billion is needed for water infrastructure improvements. The WIFIA program plays an important part in fulfilling this need and in the President's Infrastructure Plan, which calls for increasing the program's funding authorization and expanding project eligibility.

For more information about the WIFIA program about the Saddle Creek Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>